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Trends and traditions rock the student body



Students segregate themselves while eating dinner in Union on Wednesday.

PETRE THOMAS | The Daily Mississippian

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University of North Carolina transfer student Madeline Basden steps into the University of Mississippi Student Union cafeteria expecting to enjoy lunch with her fellow students.

She walks up to a table in the front near the food court, which is filled with African Americans dressed in snap-back hats, high-heeled shoes and skirts.

"Is anyone sitting here?" she asks.

The black students look at her awkwardly for wanting to sit with them, and Maddie, who is

white, flees to another table in the back of the Union, where she is forced to sit with other white students dressed in polo shirts, leggings and khakis.

Some students, like Basden, are used to a more integrated campus, and the color line drawn in the Union cafeteria illustrates how far Ole Miss has to go in dissolving racial boundaries.

"I totally notice the separation in the Student Union," said Valencia Williams, a sophomore biology major who is black, said. "Once I greeted someone from another race, and he looked at me crazy."

Students like Laken Burrell, who is a sophomore pharmacy major from Amory, don't even realize the involuntary segregation that occurs in the Union.

Yet other students, such as junior journalism major Kimberly Dandridge, who is also the president of the Black Student Union, do recognize this division.

"The seating in the Union is definitely noticeable," she said. "I don't think people do it on purpose; I think it's just a habit."

"The culture of Ole Miss is just so different from any other

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A homecoming with no homecoming parade

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There will be no need to bundle up and line the streets of University Avenue Friday evening because this year's homecoming parade has been cancelled.

For the first time since 1929, the University of Mississippi will celebrate a week of homecoming activities with everything except a homecoming parade.

The university's Homecoming Week is planned and carried out by members of several organizations, including the Department of Campus Programming, the Student Programming Board and the Dean of Students Office.

With little explanation until now about the cancellation of this year's parade, Bradley Baker, interim director of campus programming, explained the reasons behind this year's decision.

"Due to daylight savings time being the week prior to homecoming, we felt that having a parade at dark would not be a safe decision," he said.

This year's homecoming queen, Maggie Day, said the decision seems unusual.

"I think it's a strange decision



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Michelle Wier and Katie Shows pump to prepare for this weekend's homecoming festivities.

considering other steps could have been taken to solve the daylight savings problem, i.e., moving the parade up in time," she said.

Barker noted that the parade was unable to be moved to an earlier time due to the heavy traffic flow on the parade's typical route earlier in the day.

"We wouldn't be able to change

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November declared bicycle safety and enforcement month

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For at least 30 of every 365 days, cyclists will have a reason to feel safe when they ride around the streets of Oxford.

Mayor "Pat" Patterson and the Oxford Board of Aldermen have announced that November is now Bicycle Safety Enforcement Month.

During this month, the Oxford and University Police Departments will be cracking down on bicycle safety enforcement.

The idea came out of the Pathways Commission and was announced at the Nov. 1 board meeting.

"It's to increase enforcement, and by enforcement they mean the police officers giving out warnings and tickets to both motorists and cyclists who aren't obeying the law," said Kate Kellum, secretary of the Oxford Pathways Commission. "By doing so, they are hoping to increase the awareness and safety of everybody."

The Board of Aldermen said the idea for Bicycle Safety Enforcement Month was influenced by this past month's fatal bicycling

accident involving Kevser Ermin, a 27-year-old University of Mississippi doctorate student who was killed when a car hit her bicycle on Mississippi Highway 314.

The accident, along with other factors, sparked stricter enforcement of the "three-foot rule" and inspired the origin of Bicycle Safety Enforcement Month.

Kellum said the "three-foot rule" is an Oxford rule that requires vehicles to give at least three feet of space when passing a cyclist and to only pass when it is safe to do so.

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A student rides his bike in the middle of Rebel Drive to his morning class. November is bike safety month to help raise awareness for both bike riders and drivers.

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Concern for Herman Cain disables America



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Allegations of some serious misconduct are hitting the Herman Cain campaign from what seems to be droves of women. The accusations are dire and are too damaging for the candidate to keep ignoring them. They hardly hurt Cain, however; the real loser in this debacle is the United States of America. Cain's campaign is airing an advertisement associating these allegations with the 1991 Senate confirmation hearings of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. This minute-long defense has some force behind it but is also a window into our national judgment.

Cain and Thomas both grew up in Georgia. They are both in the right wing, embody the American Dream and even look strikingly similar. The ad suggests both men are victims of illusory charges of deviant misconduct in grand political witch hunts. The campaign's ad spot wants to emphasize a positive idea — that despite allegations, Cain is also a competent conservative able to make the tough decisions. It implicitly weighs policy over personal life when supporting a public figure, hoping to reflect a level of maturity uncommon in American politics. This comparison also reveals the Achilles heel of his campaign. Cain is no Clarence Thomas. He never has been and couldn't be even if he tried. Thomas, one of the greatest justices in recent history, is a tried and true champion of the Constitution who could very well save our republic one day.

Herman Cain simply mimics the Clarence Thomases of the world. Cain is as feeble of a politician as he would like you to believe the claims against him are. He's gotten to where he is today through hype and boldness, while his campaign has pandered to the American public with trivialities. Cain isn't an experienced public servant and is barely even a conservative — he just plays one on TV. The last thing he wants is Americans to approach his campaign with maturity. If we gave the same concern to his policy that we do to his personal life, we'd find the emperor truly has no clothes. We'd discover too many Americans bought into a simplistic 9-9-9 plan almost as draconian as Obamacare. We'd discover that Cain is as ignorant on foreign policy as you'd expect any pizza boy to be, despite his ques-

tionable visions for our military. We'd pay attention to Cain's affiliation with the Federal Reserve and his opposition to Ron Paul's audit of the Fed. We'd question why Cain said internal audits were sufficient while we discovered his former employer gave \$16 trillion in secret bailouts to financial institutions, many of which were foreign-owned. We'd stop paying attention to things like Rick Perry bickering with Mitt Romney over who mows the latter's lawn. We'd realize that politicians not gentlemanly enough to ignore the allegations against Cain simply aim to convert his supporters, depending just as much on giving Americans meaningless talk as Cain did. This mess doesn't hurt Cain; anyone as unable as he is could never have had the U.S. presidency anyway. We hurt America, however, by treating plastic men like Cain as if they could.

Cain has been fated to burn out just as Tim Pawlenty, Michele Bachmann, Rick Santorum and Rick Perry did before him. Cain stepped onto the scene and floated to the top with a lot of hot air. How he falls is what we should care about. Will America reject this candidate because we suspect he has a deviant personal life or because we're certain of his deviant political beliefs? When asked who he'd dress up as for Halloween to scare people, Cain said Ron Paul. Ironically, Cain showed his cards there — pure ideology and principled values are the worst nightmare of politicians like himself. This is precisely why his demise is a turning point in the election — it's just up to Americans to decide which way we go.

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College isn't for everyone



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We have all heard the line time and time again, "You can be whatever you want to be." While that is great to tell an 8-year-old, that saying does not apply as people approach adulthood. By adulthood, I mean the age of majority, which is 18. Unfortunately, the definition of adulthood has changed over the years, and in some instances it means around the age of 25. To the 17-year-old entering his or her senior year of high school, you cannot be whatever you want to be. I could want to be a profes-

sional basketball player with all my heart. But my 5'10" frame and the inability to jump higher than a few centimeters have determined that my fate does not lie in the NBA. Similarly, a high school senior can want to be a college student more than anything, but that does not mean it is what he or she should be. There is absolutely nothing wrong with that. Some people are just not cut out for what college is intended to be. That does not make them stupid. It does not make them second-tier. It just simply means they are better suited in professions that college should not prepare someone for. Think about how post-secondary education came about. It started as a way to train ministers during a time when people learned professions through apprenticeships. If a person wanted

to become a blacksmith, he did not pay money to sit in a room and listen to someone lecture about the history of smithing. Instead, he would train under another blacksmith and learn the trade through action and, most likely, mistakes. Similarly, someone who wanted to enter the railroad business would start at the bottom, learn the business and move up through experience. After ministers came physicians. Men would learn about medicine and health from experienced doctors like other professions, except this was done in a classroom because doctors needed an important foundation before practicing. As the need for a specific foundation increased for certain professions, the reach of college increased as well. Apprenticeships were still commonplace for many professions, particularly those that

involved labor. These people were not looked down upon by society for not getting a post-secondary education. In fact, many did not even finish high school, but that never stopped them from making an honest living with their abilities. However, college is no longer a place where people go to gain a foundation for a specific profession. Now it is just the next step in the ever-lengthening road to adulthood. It has even gotten to the point where a college degree is expected in most of society, and even that does not mean as much as it did 20 years ago. Eighteen- to 24-year-olds now spend an ample amount of time and money to receive a piece of paper that ultimately means nothing. Just because a person has "biology" written on his diploma does not make him a good doctor.

Just because a person has "English" on a piece of paper does not mean she is the next Eudora Welty. Yet, we pay thousands of dollars and take four or five years to obtain that piece of paper. Instead, why do we not take on a role as an apprentice? Imagine an internship on steroids that will actually teach you what you need to know about the profession rather than 10 courses that all have titles like tongue-twisters. After all, they always say, "You will learn more on the job in four hours than you did in four years of college." Is it possible that we all overemphasize the "need" for a college diploma? *Trenton Winford is a sophomore public policy leadership major from Madison. Follow him on Twitter @tgwinford.*

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Big Brother is watching you, but really it could be



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While legal pundits will be debating the failure of Initiative 26, another very important issue concerning personal privacy rights is being argued in front of the nation's highest court.

The Supreme Court is currently hearing arguments about whether GPS tracking without a warrant is constitutional or not. The present case, the United States v. Jones, is set to become a landmark case in terms of the relationship between technology and Fourth Amendment rights.

The Fourth Amendment provides that all citizens should be secure in their person and property from unreasonable searches and seizures. However, there

are quite a few loopholes to this doctrine; the most related one comes from a 1983 Supreme Court case in which the court found that placing an electronic beeper in a car in order to follow it without a warrant was allowed.

However, the issue in Jones presents quite a departure from that doctrine. The beeper technology employed in the 1983 case was only useful as long as law enforcement officers were following the vehicle within a certain range; the officers had to be physically tracking the vehicle for the beeper to function properly.

To say technology has come a long way since 1983 is perhaps the understatement of the century. The GPS tracking at issue now could be done strictly through remote electronic means and gives law enforcement potentially unprecedented powers.

If this all seems like something out of George Orwell's "1984," that's not entirely too far off.

One of the comforting facets of the Court's 1983 ruling was that there had to be an element of personal involvement in the tracking. It provided some measure of a safeguard, as law enforcement was not going to waste resources tracking people unlikely to be involved in the commission of crimes.

With this technology, there is no need for human involvement, and data can be gathered for relatively low cost on almost anyone at any time. There is no human involvement to act as a check on this surveillance power. The government argues that it can physically track someone for an extended period of time without a warrant, and GPS would simply be the electronic version of that.

However, this argument once again fails because the required manpower to physically track someone acts as a legitimate check on that power. This is why this kind of surveillance should require a warrant: to put the human element back

into surveillance. In order to obtain a warrant, a judge has to be presented with the evidence and find the type of surveillance reasonable. Allowing the judge to be the human element would provide the requisite safeguards to ensure the GPS surveillance doesn't actually infringe on the privacy rights of citizens.

Today, developments in technology come faster than anyone could have ever anticipated, especially the founding fathers when they were drafting the Constitution.

They couldn't fathom universal indoor plumbing when they enumerated the rights of the citizens of this country, let alone remote electronic GPS surveillance and tracking on

cars.

One limitation of the judicial system is that it is purely reactive; someone's rights have to be violated for a suit to be brought. With rapidly developing technology, the Court constantly has to play catch-up to bridge the gap between the technology and the rights of the people.

In this scenario, the citizen and his or her rights are always the losers, which is why this case is problematic. While the court deliberates, citizens' privacy rights are left in limbo, and that is an unacceptable situation.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

In regard to Darrin Cline's column, "The erosion of modern English," I would have to disagree with his view.

In reading the column, I see that Darrin, in speaking of the change taking place within the English language, denies the fact of two universals that exist within linguistics. One is that all languages are creative. This means that we have a plethora of words that we can use in the languages that we speak in order to get our messages across.

Very often, our creative speech employs words that have only recently been coined, as in the case of the word "friend," recently gaining use as a verb with Facebook. Also, the fact that language changes is denied. One reason that some languages have "died" is because the speakers or those in control of the language (i.e., people in powerful positions) refused to allow their language to change with the times.

The desire to have an ever-changing English language is seen in the fact that English does not have an academy regulating

it, unlike Spanish with the Real Academia and French with the Académie Française.

English speakers desire to be in control of their language, rather than have a committee to do so. When once approached to be president of the American Academy of Language and Belles Lettres, an organization that attempted to become an academy for English, Thomas Jefferson denied the offer, saying that if an organization

like that had been established during Anglo-Saxon days, we would not be able to describe the world in which we now live.

So, taking a cue from Jefferson, the English language must accept the changing times. It is not that our language is becoming dumber in any way; it's that we desire to describe the world in which we live.

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place I've ever experienced."

Though this involuntary segregation is present, many students have ambitions or ideas that could possibly create a more diverse environment for the campus.

"Ending problems with segregation begins with the individual," said Chelsea Brock, a sophomore biology major from Ocean Springs. "An individual must find interest in going out and interacting with someone different from them on a regular basis. That way, it becomes more natural."

On any given day, black students occupy the dozen or so tables closest to the food vendors, and the white students sit at the tables closer to the windows.

Few tables are integrated. "It's always bothered me,

but that's the way of our racist school," said Devunti Mickey, a sophomore from Tupelo.

The seating arrangements have always been the same, and no one has really ever addressed the situation because everyone has always seemed content with the way things are, according to several Union workers.

"I think that we should diversify ourselves," Christopher Miller, a freshman from Amory, said. "We're on a college campus so students should want to socialize with others that are not like themselves."

Some students say that in some ways, a more crowded campus helps to break down these barriers.

Organizations such as the Ole Miss Alumni Association have made many attempts to lessen the distance between races, though on a mostly symbolic level — the school's recent mascot change, for example.

"Changing the Ole Miss Reb-

els to the Rebel Black Bears isn't taken seriously," Basden said. "When I log onto Twitter, I always see white students mocking the mascot. Personally, I think the mascot is our way of showing minority students, and not just the black ones, some respect."

Organizations within the student body have even made multiple attempts to do away with segregation and advertise how far the university has come with diversity.

"You're going to feel most comfortable with people that are like you, so you migrate towards those people," said Kaylen Addison, the Associated Student Body director of diversity affairs, said. "The Associated Student Body has created events that show the university's diversity, such as our Two+2 program and Black and White Affair."

The Two+2 program allows students to interact with one other and with faculty.

"I'm involved in the Two+2 program and interacting with other students has been an amazing experience," said Larry Ridgeway, vice chancellor of student affairs. "As far as student seating in the Union, I think it's just human nature, but our campus has come a very long way with diversity over the past years."

Not only is the Union's seating arrangement a reminder of segregation and racial distance, but the Grove on game days is as

well, when the campus is swarming with thousands of Ole Miss alumni and fans, the majority of which are white, according to many of the black students interviewed.

Though many tents are set up in the Grove, not all are welcoming to strangers or students who want to have fun. Some black students are hesitant when it comes to approaching an all-white tent.

"I have white friends that I trust, but I am a bit nervous when it comes to approaching a tent that is hosted by all white people," Anastasia Griffin, a sophomore political science major from Jackson, said.

"I don't think every white person that comes to Ole Miss is racist, but there are some that just don't like us."

Along with segregated tents, another tradition that remains at Ole Miss is dressing up on game day. Many students know it is a tradition to dress up for games, but not every student is comfortable with dressing to the nines for each home game.

"I love Ole Miss, but I'm not used to wearing polos and khakis, but sometimes I feel like I have to conform because it is such a culture shock," said Mark Fabi, a freshman from North Carolina, who is adjusting to campus

styles.

Is it possible that minorities, who make up only 24.6 percent of the student population, feel the need to out-dress their counterparts to gain respect?

"It doesn't matter to me, neither does it affect me," said Kiara Washington, a sophomore biology major who is black. "Most students dress up to look professional for meetings, class or even seminars. I think it's nice to occasionally see people always dressing up rather than dressing down."

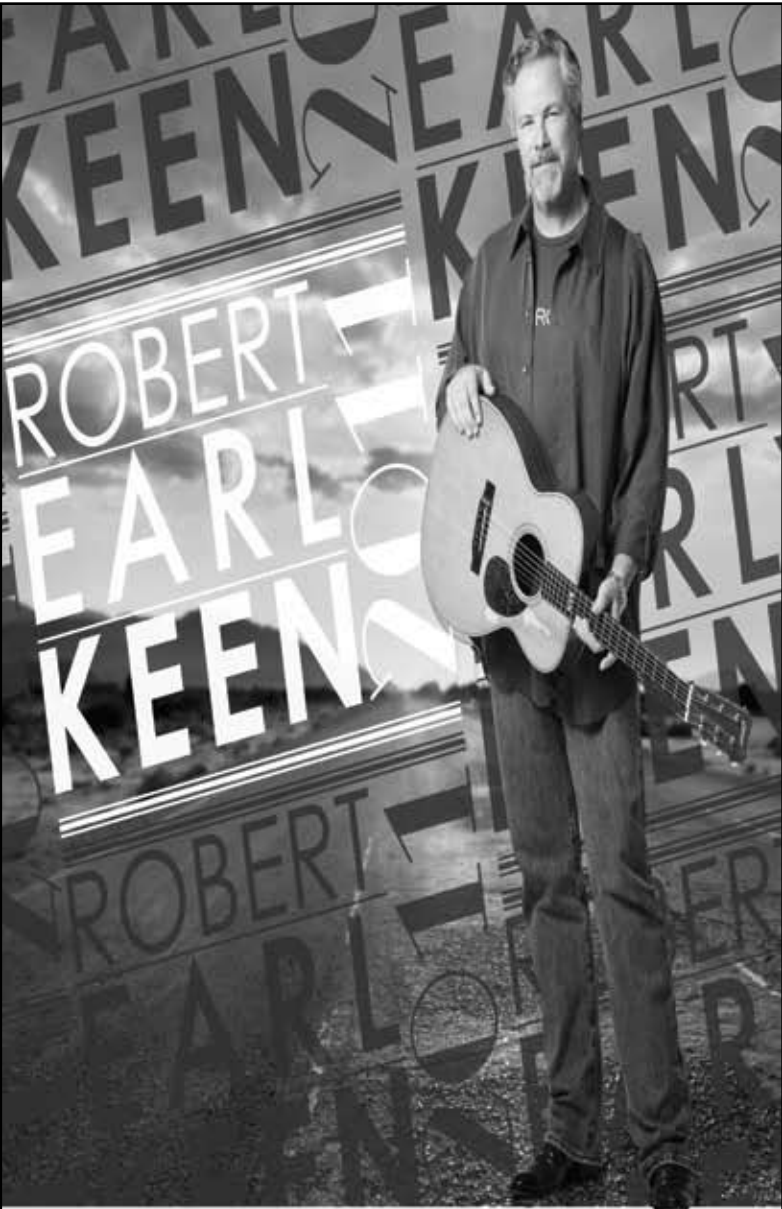
Gregory Brown, a senior pre-dental and biology major from Brookhaven, said he feels that

while some of his black peers might just like the attention that comes with dressing nice, it's also just a part of black culture.

"When I was in high school, a lot of black people dressed up on the first day of school and continued to dress nicely because it was a competition for us," he said. "As far as white people, they never really cared much about it."

Some students say the university still needs to grow racially and lose some of its cherished traditions that, they say, tend keep the status quo, like the seating arrangements in the Union and the racial composition of the Grove.

“It’s always bothered me, but that’s the way of our racist school.”
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the parade start time any earlier than 5:30 p.m.," Baker said.

This year, instead of a parade, the students and community will be able to walk around and view lawn decorations constructed by various student organizations on campus.

The lawn decoration compe-

tion was a popular activity for many years among student organizations, Baker said.

Lawn decorations are constructed using wood, chicken wire and a technique known as pumping, which involves placing large amounts of tissue paper through the chicken wire to create a unique design that is then set up and displayed for all to see.

"We are looking forward to the unveiling of these decora-

tions on Friday morning around campus," Baker said.

Day said she is disappointed because her family and friends will not be able to participate in the event.

While some individuals and directors agree this is what is best for everyone involved, members of the Oxford community are sad to see the tradition of Friday's homecoming parade gone.

Oxford resident David Bell said he will certainly miss it.

"I do think people are going to miss it; it really is a nice parade. Everybody's happy and smiling, and it's just a lot of fun," he said. "It's a nice event that people really enjoy. We're going to miss it this year."

Associated Student Body President Taylor McGraw said he hopes this will not be a permanent change.

"I don't think this will be a permanent thing," he said. "I hope not. I think there will be some people who will be pretty upset about the cancellation of the parade."

Members of the Department of Campus Programming hope next year's homecoming game will be earlier without the problem of daylight savings time. The department has plans to continue the lawn decorations but also bring back the parade.

For a list of activities of this year's Homecoming Week activities or more information, visit www.olemissdcp.com.

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Many college students have gone through money problems during his or her college career.

With the new Campus Special mobile app, students will have their own personal coupon book in the palm of their hands.

The Campus Special mobile app was launched to 150 universities nationwide in August for students to download on their iPhones or Androids for free. The

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"I think this will force motorists and cyclists to realize there are rules of the road everyone must follow," Mariel Parman, Associated Student Body director of sustainability, said. "As of now, they are not punished for illegal behavior, so it continues. I hope that this will make people change their unsafe behaviors."

Parman said motorists will be targeted for passing violations having to do with disregarding the three-foot rule. For cyclists, blatant violations of traffic laws, such as not stopping at stop signs, will be targeted.

"I like (that) they're stepping up safety for the cyclists, but I'm worried that they might be too harsh in enforcement of the laws," said Ryan Powell, a sophomore psychology major who bikes to school daily.

Kellum said she thinks the Oxford community has done a great job in bicycle safety and encouragement, but not much has been done to enforce laws.

"I think it's important for everyone to understand that bikes are vehicles," she said. "They have the same rules, the same responsibilities and the same rights as motorists. Bikes and cars are functionally equivalent; one just happens to be a little bit smaller and a little bit slower."

Kellum, along with other daily cyclists, urges motorists to "please, please share the road."

"I love this app," the marketing major said. "It's allowed me to save time and money because I'm always on the go."

With this app, students acquire a fully-digital format of the printed coupon book on their mobile phones, as well as access to online ordering for all of their favorite restaurants in Oxford. The app also includes GPS capabilities, providing students with the convenience of seeing what deals are closest to them at any time.

Not only has the app been a hit among students, it's been successful with local businesses as well.

The app allows students to view business hours, menus, delivery info and even current online ordering specials.

In addition to being convenient and free of charge, the app is eco-friendly, according to Stephanie Scott, who is responsible for the launch and marketing of the app nationwide.

"For Ole Miss in particular, we have partnered with Panini in Oxford to give students a free

sandwich with their first order that's placed through the mobile app. Moving toward the future, we will definitely have the mobile app evolving with the times as we develop newer versions," she said.

Scott hopes to expand the app to other cell phone devices such as Blackberry with the next version.

Campus Special co-founder Joe Jacobs developed this app after several years of planning and several months of testing.

"Our goal was to incorporate all of our services into one cohesive product. What better way to do that than place our product in the one thing that students have with them at all times ... their phone. They can now redeem their coupons and order food online straight through our mobile

app," he said according to CampusSpecial.com.

Once students have used a coupon offer via the mobile app, the coupon is automatically removed from their mobile phone. Just like the tangible coupon book, the coupons cannot be reused or replaced.

After hearing about the Campus Special app, sophomore Danni Craddock immediately downloaded the app and was very impressed with it.

"I have the app on my iPhone, and I definitely will take advantage of the coupons and food specials offered," she said. "The fact that I can order food with just a few clicks and have it delivered is so cool."

For more information about the mobile app, visit www.CampusSpecial.com.

app combines the \$100 coupon book that is available at the beginning of every semester for Ole Miss students with online food ordering from favorite local spots.

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In Review: 'RENT'

BY AMELIA CAMURATI
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With the semester coming to a close and the recent loss of our football coach, spirits are low around the University of Mississippi campus. Since one of the best ways to get over a problem is to remember that other people have bigger problems, the solution is in the dark theater just before the Grove.

Ole Miss Theatre takes on one of the most well-known and well-received musicals to date. Not only that, but they've moved into the Gertrude C. Castellow Ford Center for the Performing Arts for homecoming weekend to put on a major production. A show about living with (not dying from) AIDS in New York

City, "RENT" is a gritty rock opera with a lot of sex, a lot of foul language and a whole lot of singing.

The original made the entire cast famous, creating stars, including Idina Menzel, Taye Diggs and Jesse L. Martin. Done over and over, almost to the point of being overdone, the production holds a strong story and meaning if the surrounding elements can flow well together.

In this production, a lot of the pieces are strong but the lack of vocal ability from some cast members brings the show down a notch. With strong technical aspects and a good core cast, it still retains a few who fall short and muddle up the occasional harmony (or solo).

Some cast members probably

should never have been cast to begin with, but some were spot-on decisions, especially two women who are often overlooked in the department.

Kelly Barker from Hattiesburg steals the show from the moment she makes her overly dramatic entrance, as Maureen Johnson often does. Between her hilarious timing, sexy attitude and beautiful voice, Barker forces the attention on her and deserves every second. From start to finish, she owns the stage and her character with precision.

Pair Barker with senior Kellee Fuller, and you have a match from heaven. The two feed off each other to create a power couple that commands the stage. The duo's big moment is easily the best number in the show as far as the vocals and acting are concerned, but it's difficult to see due to the carelessness with blocking it as far upstage as possible.

Nick Bredosky becomes the villain as Benjamin Coffin III, better known as Benny. Despite being one of the smaller roles of the main group, he embraces the role and uses his velvety voice to woo the cast and the audience.



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Left to Right: Duo Kellee Fuller (Joanne) and Kelly Barker (Maureen) sing "Take Me or Leave Me" in the final dress rehearsal of Rent.

The only complaint about Bredosky is his appearances being few and far between. Without a

doubt, he fits the role of Benny with ease but should have been cast in a more visible role, maybe with a rock solo or two.

Sophomore Jade Genga looks damn good in pleather pants and a weird sports bra top, and her sexy appeal definitely works for her portrayal of Mimi Johnson, "dancer" and drug addict, roaming apartment buildings looking for men with matches. Her voice is on pitch and her presence is felt, but her energy is lower than it should be. While one of the less noticeable problems in the production, it does cause problems when it comes to her pairing.

Alex Hargett tries to rock it out as the hardcore Roger Davis, an overly angsty musician stuck in a rut because of a vicious ex-girlfriend and his battle with AIDS. The powerful rocker didn't seem to come out in Hargett, in acting or vocals, falling flat often and having far too chipper a voice to be a depressed ex-junkie.

Nathan Ford takes on one of the more prominent roles in Mark Cohen, the struggling Jewish documentary filmmaker made famous by Anthony Rapp. Ford's energy reads like that of a puppy, far too intense for a man with no money, no job and no foreseeable future. The opposite occurs, however, when the songs roll around. Ford goes from energetic to monotone in a snap, sliding up to the higher notes and cutting the originality from the riffs by cutting them altogether.

In the background, a dozen ensemble members play the roles of parents, agents and vagabonds throughout the production. Their presence brings

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a new dimension to the stage, lingering in the background as an addict would in the dark alleys of New York City or as an annoying mother would leave you incessant voicemails about holiday plans.

Nothing completes a rock opera like a live band. The true sounds of the electric guitar and deep beats of the bass give the show life and depth, and the slight visibility of the band through the filmy plastic is a beautiful light amid the dark scenes.

Once again, Dex Edwards takes on the challenge of filling a space much larger than Meek Auditorium and Fulton Chapel and surpasses expectations with ease.

The grungy walls and exposed steel break you away from the pristine interior of the Ford Center and into the late 1990s, to a dirty world of drugs and disease. The multiple levels and incorporation of the live band into the set still give off the theatrical feel but are realistic enough to transport the audience to a realistic place outside those walls.

A show worth seeing, “RENT” lives up to (and even exceeds)



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expectations in most places, but the black holes can’t be ignored. A lack of intention with the direction and emotion from the characters hurts the heart of the show, but the surrounding pieces work hard to hide the cracks, often succeeding and creating a

well-rounded show overall. “RENT” runs today and Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the UM Box Office in the Student Union or online at www.olemiss.edu/depts/tickets.



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LEFT: From Left to Right: Nathan Ford (Mark Cohen), Brice Jordan (Angel) and Dominique McClellan (Collins); TOP RIGHT: Cast members gather to the front of the stage to sing “Seasons of Love.” BOTTOM: Left to Right: Dominique McClellan (Collins) and Nick Bredosky (Benny).



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fullback H.R. Greer thinks it will help with the recovery process.

“I think a lot of pressure is off a lot of people,” Greer said. “I think we’re going to relax and play our best football these last three games for coach Nutt. I hope we play a little more relaxed and harder for coach Nutt. These are the last three games we will ever play for coach Nutt. I think we’re coming together even stronger.”

A lot of those calls to win the last three games are coming from freshman defensive end C.J. Johnson. Bolden said he’s acted like a leader this week.

“We’ve got to win these last three games,” Bolden said. “All of the freshmen realize that. C.J. is adamant about it. He’s like ‘Hey, let’s go. We are going to win these next three.’ So we’re just trying to fol-

low C.J. It’s tough, but we’re all just focused on these next three games.”

Along with Johnson, Bolden noted the other freshmen players took the news harder than anyone else. Bolden even said one freshman player came up to him and said he didn’t know what to do.

“Of course they took it tougher,” Bolden said. “But they took it better than most people would. For a guy that brought them in here, they were real disappointed.”

That disappointment is understandable. But there is only one thing the players can do: win. However, Greer said these next three games are more than that.

“I feel like pride is on the line,” he said. “Not just moving forward, but right now. As far as these seniors, pride is on the line, especially with Mississippi State, LSU and this game right here (against Louisiana Tech). It’s about pride.”

Football notebook: Brassell benched

BY BENNETT HIPPI
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Rebels prepare for an explosive Louisiana Tech offense.

As Ole Miss prepares for Saturday night’s game in Oxford against Louisiana Tech, Ole Miss defensive coordinator Tyrone Nix is preparing for a very good Bulldog offense that ranks 48th in the country in points per game and averages just under 400-yards of total offense per game.

“They run a no-huddle, fast tempo offense. They are playing two quarterbacks that are having a heck of a year. One is a true freshman (Nick Isham), the other kid (Colby Cameron) is a junior. I think the junior is actually playing better right now,” Nix said. “They’re on a four game winning streak, and we may be playing the best receiver we’ve seen all year. So we’ll have to tackle well, and we’re going to have to play well.”

In addition to the Bulldogs passing game, Louisiana Tech also has a senior running back in Lennon Creer that is very good and could cause issues for an Ole Miss defense that has struggled against the run.

Nix said that Louisiana Tech “has an outstanding running back (Creer) that transferred from Tennessee that runs between the tackles and can beat you outside with his speed.”

Brassell won’t start, but will be available, Mosley



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Freshmen wide-receiver and cornerback Nickolas Brassell rushes for a 56 yard gain in the first quarter against Kentucky. Brassell also had three receptions for 40 yards and a touchdown.

questionable for Saturday

After Tuesday’s practice, Ole Miss head coach Houston Nutt said that freshman wide receiver/defensive back would not start in Saturday’s game against Louisiana Tech due to missing Sunday’s practice, but that he would be available to play.

Brassell and junior tight end Jamal Mosley, who is roommates with Brassell, discovered that their apartment had been broken into when the team returned from Kentucky this past weekend.

“Him and (Jamal) Mosley, they got their house broken into, got a lot of things stolen. What we try to teach them though is you handle it, you handle it face on,”

Nutt said. “We reported it to the police. That doesn’t mean you can miss Sunday, and he missed Sunday. He’ll pay for that, and he’ll be ready to go.”

Nutt also announced that Mosley, who hasn’t practiced this week, has a knee injury and his status for Saturday’s game is up in the air.

“He’s got probably pretty close to a torn meniscus, but I think he is getting a little bit more range of motion, so I’m hoping he’ll be available by Saturday but we’re not sure,” Nutt said. “Right now we’ll say Ferbia (Allen) will start and then Layton Jones behind him and we’ll see how much he (Mosley) progresses here in the next two days.”

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The students flooded downtown State College on Wednesday night after Pa-

terno and university President Graham Spanier were fired amid a growing furor linked to their handling of sex abuse allegations against a former assistant football coach.

Officers used pepper spray to control the crowd. Some students chanted ‘We want Joe! We want Joe!’ Others kicked in the windows out of the toppled news van.

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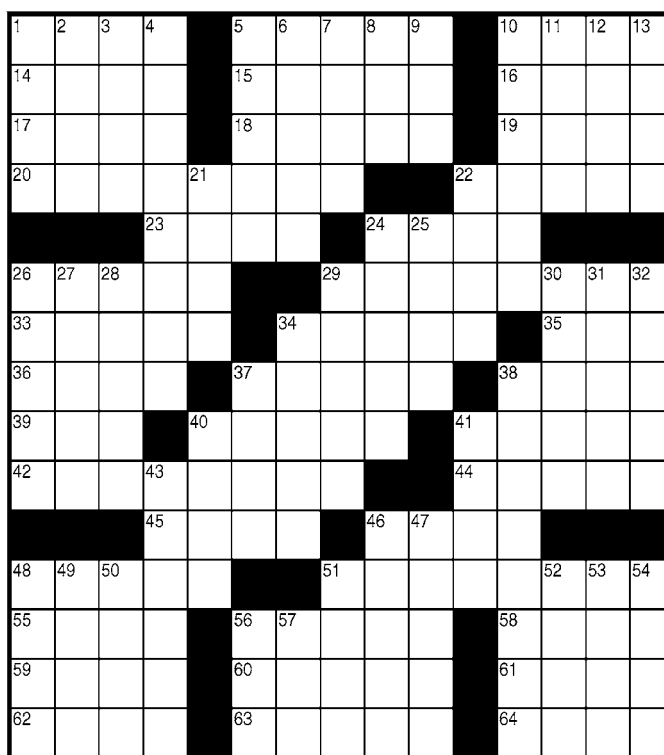


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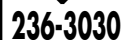
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SEC Football Power Poll: Week 11

BY AUSTIN MILLER
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1. LSU (9-0, 6-0 SEC, 1st last week):



This is the best college football team in the country, bar none. And this LSU team may be better than the 2003 and 2007 teams that went on to win BCS National Championships. In a season, where sophomore sensation Tyrann Mathieu has been the star on defense, sophomore safety Eric Reid stole the show Saturday when he took a 50/50 ball away from Alabama tight end Michael Williams at the Tigers' one-yard line. Senior quarterback Jarrett Lee struggled and threw two interception, and it will be interesting to see what his role will be the rest of the season. No. 7 Arkansas looms at the end of the season for LSU.

This week: Western Kentucky (5-4), 6 p.m., ESPNU

2. Alabama (8-1, 5-1 SEC, 2nd last week):



If LSU is the best college football team in the country (and they are), Alabama is arguably the second best team or at least in the conversation with Oklahoma State and Stanford. Saturday's game was not lost on sophomore kicker Cade Foster's four missed field goals, including a 52-yard attempt in overtime, but when LSU safety Eric Reid wrestled a ball from junior tight end Michael Williams. Expect a hangover from Saturday's dramatic game, when the Crimson Tide roll into Starkville this weekend.

This week: at Mississippi State (5-4, 1-4 SEC), 6:45 p.m., ESPN

3. Arkansas (8-1, 4-1 SEC, 3rd last week):



In Saturday's other battle of top-10 teams, the Razorbacks pulled away late for a 44-28 win over South Carolina, keeping their hopes for a return to the Sugar Bowl. Junior quarterback Tyler Wilson led the offense and completed 20 of 37 passes for 299 yards with two touchdowns, both to senior wide receiver Jarius Wright. The Arkansas defense played lights out, holding South Carolina to 207 yards of total offense and forcing four turnovers. A sack and fumble late in the fourth quarter led to another Razorback touchdown that put the game out of reach.

This week: Tennessee (4-5, 0-5 SEC), 5 p.m., ESPN2

4. Georgia (7-2, 5-1 SEC, 4th last week):



The Bulldogs not only routed New Mexico State 63-16 Saturday, but with the South Carolina's loss at Arkansas, Georgia controls their own destiny in the SEC Eastern Division with home conference games against Auburn and Kentucky left on the schedule. Even without suspended freshman Isaiah Crowell, two different players threw for touchdowns, three different players ran for touchdowns and six different players caught touchdown passes, as the Bulldogs outgained the Aggies 627-402. The second quarter proved decisive with 42 points in the frame. This Saturday is Georgia's biggest test to wrap up the East.

This week: Auburn (6-3, 4-2 SEC), 2:30 p.m., CBS

5. South Carolina (7-2, 5-2 SEC, 5th last week):



The Gamecocks failed their first true test since a 16-13 home loss to Auburn, falling 44-28 at Arkansas Saturday. In the absence of Lattimore, South Carolina managed only 79 yards on the ground, while sophomore quarterback Connor Shaw threw for just 128 yards with an interception and five sacks. On the last sack, Shaw was sacked, knocked out and fumbled that led to the Razorbacks' last score of the game. His status remains uncertain. South Carolina must hope Georgia slips against Auburn or Kentucky, while avoiding Florida's upset bid this Saturday.

This week: Florida (5-4, 3-4 SEC), 11:00 a.m., CBS

6. Auburn (6-3, 4-2 SEC, 6th last week):



Coming off their bye week, the Tigers have their first of two opportunities to play spoiler for their main rivals - Georgia and Alabama. Last time out, Auburn dominated the second half and sophomore quarterback Clint Moseley threw his first four career touchdown passes in a 41-23 win over Ole Miss. Auburn is bowl eligible with that win over the Rebels and look to position themselves for a better bowl game and momentum going into next season. With head coaching jobs, including Ole Miss, popping up across the country, it will be interesting to see what happens with offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn.

This week: at Georgia (7-2, 5-1 SEC), 2:30 p.m., CBS

7. Florida (5-4, 3-4 SEC, 7th last week):



The Gators survived and held on for a hard-fought 26-21 win over Vanderbilt in the Swamp Saturday. It snapped a four-game losing streak for Florida and also their winning streak over Vanderbilt to 21 games. Senior quarterback John Brantley continues to battle injuries, leaving the game late in the fourth quarter, but completed 16 of 24 passes for 173 yards. He is expected to return and start Saturday at South Carolina. Senior running back Jeff Demps led the way on the ground with 158 yards on 23 carries, with two touchdowns. The Gamecocks present a prime opportunity for head coach Will Muschamp to get his first signature win with the Gators.

This week: at South Carolina (7-2, 5-2 SEC), 11:00 a.m., CBS

8. Vanderbilt (4-5, 1-5 SEC, 8th last week):



The margin of error is so small in the SEC, and for the second straight week the Commodores found themselves on the wrong side of it, coming up short 26-21 at Florida Saturday. Vanderbilt can point to penalties, including two that kept a drive alive that led to Jeff Demps' 52-yard touchdown run to put Florida up 26-14. Junior quarterback Jordan Rodgers shined on offense, completing 19 of 28 passes for 297 yards with two touchdowns, but the running game managed only 80 yards on the ground and the opportunistic defense didn't force any turnovers.

This week: Kentucky (4-5, 1-4 SEC), 11:21 a.m., SEC Network

9. Mississippi State (5-4, 1-4 SEC, 9th last week):



It wasn't impressive in the stat sheet, where the Bulldogs gave up 21 first downs and 454 yards of total offense, but it didn't matter on the scoreboard, where Mississippi State blew out Tennessee-Martin 55-17 Saturday. Senior running back Vick Ballard got back on track with 102 yards on just 11 carries, while both sophomore Tyler Russell (9-of-18, 183 yards, TD) and senior Chris Relf (5-of-6, 61 yards, 2 TD) had success at quarterback. The Bulldogs seek that elusive SEC West win over a team not named Ole Miss the next two weeks against Alabama and Arkansas, before likely playing for a bowl game against the Rebels in the season finale.

This week: Alabama (8-1, 5-1 SEC), 6:45 p.m., ESPN

10. Kentucky (4-5, 1-4 SEC, 12th last week):



In his first career start, freshman quarterback Maxwell Smith bombed away for 283 yards and two touchdowns on 19-of-36 passing, as the Wildcats scored 20 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to win 30-13 over Ole Miss. It was a balanced attack for Kentucky, as junior running back CoShik Williams topping the century mark with 111 yards on 25 carries. Head coach Joker Phillips earned himself some job security, while the Wildcats' bowl chances hinge this week at Vanderbilt and the season finale against Tennessee, a team they have lost to 26 straight times.

This week: at Vanderbilt (4-5, 1-5 SEC), 11:21 a.m., SEC Network

11. Tennessee (4-5, 0-5 SEC, 10th last week):



You really don't know how good this young team is, having gone through a gauntlet of four of the conference's best fives teams, before bouncing back with a 24-0 win over Middle Tennessee State Saturday. Unfortunately for the Volunteers, that fifth team (Arkansas) is on the schedule this week, so they will likely have to sweep two of their main rivals - Vanderbilt and Kentucky - to go bowling this season. In his second career start, freshman quarterback Justin Worley completed 23 of 32 passes for 291 yards with a touchdown, while senior running back Tauren Poole ran for two more touchdowns.

This week: at Arkansas (8-1, 4-1 SEC), 5 p.m., ESPN2

12. Ole Miss (2-7, 0-6 SEC, 11th last week):



What's there left to say? The Rebels collapsed in the fourth quarter on the road at Kentucky, as the Wildcats won 30-13. With the loss, the program's longest SEC losing streak now stands at 12 games, with LSU and Mississippi State to finish out the SEC slate. It will be interesting to see how this team, now underdogs to Louisiana Tech, responds this week and the rest of the season. With the Houston Nutt era drawing to a close at end of the season, the football on the field will take a backseat to the athletics director and coaching search.

This week: Louisiana Tech (5-4), 6:30 p.m., CSS

sports briefs

BUCKNER TABBED PRE-SEASON ALL-SEC

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — One of the top defensive players in the Southeastern Conference, Ole Miss junior forward Reginald Buckner, has been named to the league coaches' preseason All-SEC second team, which was announced Wednesday.

Buckner, a native of Memphis, Tenn., enters his third season needing just 22 blocks to break Sean Murphy's all-time school career record of 180. Last year, Buckner surpassed his own single-season blocks record (64) with 95 as a sophomore and became the first Ole Miss player to be named to the SEC All-Defensive Team. He also tied Ansu Sesay's school record for blocks in a game with eight at Arkansas.

In addition to breaking all of the Rebels' shot-blocking records, the 6-foot-9 post man will look to build on the 6.8 points per game and team-best 6.4 rebounds per game he posted a year ago.

WOMEN'S HOOPS SIGNS TWO TO NLIS

The Ole Miss women's basketball team has signed Quindella Ford and Destinie Gibbs to National Letters of Intent, head coach Renee Ladner announced Wednesday.

"Quindella and Destinie are two really good talents, and they will fit very well into our program," Ladner said. "They are two more players to add to the talent we already have, and they will complement our program very well."

Ford is a 5-7 senior guard at Pontotoc High School. Earlier this month she was named to the Clarion-Ledger's Dandy Dozen.

As a junior at LA Okolona, she averaged 27.8 points per game and had been a starter since her freshman season.

As a junior, Ford was also named to the Daily Journal All-Area team and scored a season-high 45 points.

In July, she scored 12 points in the Mississippi High School All-Star Basketball game.

Gibbs, a native of Oxford, Ga., is a four-start recruit and is ranked by ESPN HoopGurlz as the 23rd-best wing player in the 2012 class. She is a 5-11 wing who attends McEachern High School and she plays AAU for Georgia Ice.

As a junior, she averaged 16 points, six rebounds, four assists and two steals per game.

Players react to Nutt's dismissal

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Monday's news of Ole Miss letting go of head football coach Houston Nutt affected more than just the families of everyone on the coaching staff. It also affected each one of the young men who give their best effort every Saturday: the play-

ers.

As expected, the players took the news pretty tough, but once they got back to the practice fields, all they were thinking about was playing football.

"Everybody's been showing up to practice ready to go, and I mean everybody," senior running back Brandon Bolden said. "Everybody is just ready

to come out and get practice started. We want to send (Nutt) out on a high note."

Bolden said he was shocked when he heard the news, and hopes for the best for Nutt going forward.

"I was shocked," he said. "I mean I hate it for him. That's not something we wish upon anybody, especially him having to go out on that note. I really hate it for him. If they were going to do that, I wish we were having a better season, but then I guess if we were having a better season, we wouldn't been in this situation."

Another guy in the shocked category when he heard the news was junior defensive end Jason Jones.

"(It is) an unfortunate situation, and surprising at the same



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Senior running back Brandon Bolden rushes down field during last Saturday's 30-13 loss against Kentucky. Bolden is second on the team in rushing yard with 375 yards on 63 attempts.

time," Jones said. "You never want to see one of the greatest coaches in the game leave, especially when you came in with his first class. It was devastating, honestly, because he's more than just a coach. He was more than just a coach."

"Things happen, life happens sometimes. You just have to keep going. That's one thing coach Nutt has taught us, that life happens one day where people get hired and fired and get let go and things like that. One thing he's taught us is you never flinch, you just got to keep going."

At Wednesday's practice, the Rebels set aside some time at the end of practice to have some fun in order to get the players' minds off the situation. Nutt had the coaches play against each other on a two-point conversion. Junior

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